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Call for entries: the *fib* Awards for Outstanding Concrete Structures

fib, the International Federation for Structural Concrete (“fédération internationale du béton”), has announced the opening of its 2010 Awards for Outstanding Concrete Structures competition. These prestigious awards give international recognition to the innovative and inspiring use of concrete in construction.

Entries will be evaluated by a jury of international experts, who will take into account criteria such as:

- design aspects, including aesthetics and design detailing;
- construction practice and quality of work;
- environmental aspects of the design and its construction;
- durability and sustainability aspects;
- significance of the contribution made by the entry to the development and improvement of concrete construction.

Awards will be given in two categories: *Civil Engineering Structures* (including bridges) and *Buildings*. Two or three winning structures, and two or three structures meriting “special mention”, will be selected per category, depending on the number of entries received. A bronze plaque, which can be displayed on the structure, will be awarded to each of the winners during a special ceremony at the *fib* Congress in Washington, D.C., from 29 May to 2 June 2010 (www.fib2010washington.com).

The deadline for entries is 31 August 2009. The application procedure and entry form are available on *fib*'s website at www.fib-international.org/about/awards/#4.

Structures entered in the competition should have been completed between 1st January 2006 and 31st December 2009. Entries must have the written support (by letter or email) of a Head of Delegation or National Member Group Secretary in *fib*, in order to confirm the authenticity of the indicated authors. Potential applicants who do not know the *fib* delegation for their country can contact the *fib* secretariat (fib@epfl.ch) for this information.

A brochure presenting the winners and special mentions from the previous edition of the Awards (presented in Naples in 2006) is available on request from the *fib* secretariat.

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